

“(3) An employee for whom a waiver under this section is in effect shall not be considered an employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83, or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code.”

(c) REPORT ON USE OF ANNUITY LIMITATION WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on the exercise of the waiver authorities provided under section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)), as amended by subsection (a), section 61 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as added by subsection (b)(1), and section 625(j) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by subsection (b)(2). The report shall include the number and type of positions that have been filled under such waiver authority, and the retirement date, former job title, and new job title of each annuitant reemployed under such authority.

(d) HOME LEAVE PROVISIONS.—

(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR REST AND RECOVERY TRAVEL.—Section 901(6) of the Foreign Service Act (22 U.S.C. 4081(6)) is amended by striking “unbroken by home leave” each place it appears.

(2) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE LEAVES OF ABSENCE.—Section 903(a) of the Foreign Service Act (22 U.S.C. 4083) is amended by striking “18 months” and inserting “12 months”.

(e) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND SUBSISTENCE TO INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.—The Secretary of State may provide during any fiscal year, with or without reimbursement, accommodation and subsistence to personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan for whom the Chief of Mission is responsible.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment? If not, the question is on agreeing to amendment No. 3597.

The amendment (No. 3597) was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 3661, AS MODIFIED

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I call up amendment No. 3661 on behalf of Senator LEAHY regarding notification requirements.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], for Mr. LEAHY, proposes an amendment numbered 3661.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for notification to the Committees on Appropriations)

On page 121, line 5, after the colon, insert the following: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations:

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I send a modification to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is so modified.

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for notification to the Committees on Appropriations)

On page 121, line 5, after the colon, insert the following: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading in this Act shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations:

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment?

If not, the question is on agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 3663, AS MODIFIED

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I call up amendment No. 3663 on behalf of Senator LEAHY regarding a technical correction.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], for Mr. LEAHY, proposes an amendment numbered 3663.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: Technical amendment)

On page 121, line 1, strike “in Iran” and insert in lieu thereof:

of which \$34,750,000 shall be made available to promote democracy in Iran and of which \$5,000,000 shall be made available for election assistance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On page 121, line 2, after “heading” insert “for assistance for Iran”

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I send a modification to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is so modified.

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: Technical amendment)

On page 120, line 25, strike “for programs and activities promoting democracy in Iran” and insert in lieu thereof:

of which \$34,750,000 shall be made available for programs and activities promoting democracy in Iran and of which \$5,000,000 shall be made available for election assistance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On page 121, line 4, strike “and” and insert in lieu thereof: , and those funds made available to promote democracy in Iran

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate on the amendment, as modified?

If not, the question is on agreeing to the amendment, as modified.

The amendment (No. 3663), as modified, was agreed to.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to be recognized to speak as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

STRATEGY IN IRAQ

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as we reflect on the Presidency of George W. Bush, there were moments of high drama. Certainly, the moment of highest drama in my recollection was when the President visited the site of the 9/11 attack. When he went to New York and walked through the smoke-filled rubble with the firefighters and the workmen still digging through, it was a moment that I am sure will endure. It will be remembered.

If you had to then select another moment in his Presidency that will be remembered, it was a moment 3 years ago today when the President of the United States boarded a Naval fighter plane and flew to land on the deck of USS *Abraham Lincoln*.

It was a time when America wasn't certain about what had happened in Iraq. We had launched an invasion. Saddam Hussein had been deposed. There were still a lot of questions about the future of Iraq and what would happen in that country.

The President of the United States came to that aircraft carrier on that day, and as he landed and spoke to those who were assembled, behind him was a banner which read “Mission Accomplished.” It was on May 1, 2003, 3 years ago. The President said on that day:

In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed. And now our coalition is engaged in securing and restructuring that country.

The President went on to say:

We have difficult work to do in Iraq. We're bringing order to parts of that country that remain dangerous. We're pursuing and finding leaders of the old regime, who will be held to account for their crimes. We've begun the search for hidden chemical and biological weapons and already know of hundreds of sites that will be investigated. We're helping to build Iraq, where the dictator built palaces for himself instead of hospitals and schools. And we will stand with the new leaders of Iraq as they establish a government of, by, and for the Iraqi people.